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A Fort to be erected in Winchester.¹

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VI. And whereas it is now judged necessary that a Fort should be immediately erected in the Town of Winchester, in the County of Frederick, for the protection of the Adjacent Inhabitants from the Barbarities daily committed by the French and their Indian Allies, Be it enacted, by the authority aforesaid, That the Governor, or Commander in Chief of this Colony for the time being, is hereby impowered, and desired to order a Fort to be built with all possible Dispatch in the aforesaid Town of Winchester, and that his Honor do give such orders and Instructions for the immediate effecting and garrisoning the same, as he shall think necessary for the purposes aforesaid. And the Governor or Commander in Chief of this Colony is hereby also impowered and desired to issue his Warrant to the Treasurer for the payment of so much Money as he shall think necessary for the purposes aforesaid, not exceeding the Sum of One Thousand Pounds, who is hereby required to pay the same in Treasury Notes, to be emmitted by Virtue of the said Act of Assembly. For raising the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Pounds for the better protection of the Inhabitants on the Frontiers of this Colony and for other Purposes therein mentioned. —

1 Fort Loudoun.